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FOLLOWING ISLAMABAD 05382 DATED 28 DEC 07 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO
QUOTE:

UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 005382

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DEPT FOR OPS CENTER, SCA

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD REQUESTS THAT THIS MESSAGE BE RELEASED AS AN
IMMEDIATE ALDAC TELEGRAM.

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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFER FOR THE NEXT 72 HOURS NON-ESSENTIAL
TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN

¶1. AmEmbassy Islamabad requests all non-essential travel to
Pakistan be deferred for the next 72 hrs (until 31 December, after
1800 HRS local time, or 0800 HRS Eastern Standard Time). This is a

precautionary measure because, in the aftermath of the death of
former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, there are widespread traffic
problems and protests along the roads between Pakistan's posts in
Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar and their respective
airports. Given the current difficulties in reaching those
airports, Pakistan's posts cannot provide the necessary support for
airport arrivals and departures.

¶2. Mission Pakistan appreciates that some inbound travelers may be
inconvenienced by the need to reschedule travel, but prudence
dictates we adopt this precautionary measure.

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